IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.(original) A barrier laminate (1) comprising barrier and planarisation materials, characterized in that said barrier laminate (1) contains at least one discontinuous layer (4) of a planarisation material, which layer is divided into unconnected areas (5) distributed along the plane.

2.(original) A barrier laminate (1) according to claim 1, wherein said unconnected areas (5) are separated by regions (6) of a barrier material.

3.(currently amended) A barrier laminate (1) according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein said planarisation material is an organic material.

4.(currently amended) A barrier laminate (1) according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein said planarisation material is a combination of organic and inorganic materials.

5.(currently amended) A barrier laminate (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, wherein said barrier material is an inorganic material.

6.(currently amended) A barrier laminate (1) according to ~~any one of the claims 2-5~~claim 2, wherein said regions (6) of a barrier material forms a checked pattern.

7.(currently amended) A barrier laminate (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, further comprising at least one continuous layer (3) of a barrier material.

8.(currently amended) A barrier laminate (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, wherein said discontinuous layer (4) is arranged between two continuous layers (3) of a barrier material.

9.(currently amended) A barrier laminate (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, further comprising at least one continuous layer (2) of a planarisation material.

10.(currently amended) A barrier laminate (1) according to ~~any one of the previous claims~~claim 1, wherein said planarisation material is a polymeric material.

11.(currently amended) A barrier laminate (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, wherein said planarisation material is selected from the group consisting of parylene, acrylates, epoxides, urethanes, spin-on dielectrics, and siloxanes.

12.(currently amended) A barrier laminate (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, wherein said barrier material is selected from the group consisting of are SiO_2, SiC, Si_3N_4, TiO_2 HfO_2, Y_2O_3, Ta_2O_5, and Al_2O_3.

13.(currently amended) Use of a barrier laminate (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1 as an oxygen and/or water impermeable film.

14.(original) A method for the manufacture of a discontinuous layer (4) in a barrier laminate (1) comprising:

- depositing a continuous layer of a planarisation material,
- removing regions of said layer of a planarisation material, and
- filling said regions with a barrier material.

15.(original) A method for the manufacture of a discontinuous layer (4) in a barrier laminate (1) comprising:

- depositing a patterned layer of a planarisation material, whereby regions where no planarisation material is deposited are formed, and
- filling said regions with a barrier material.

16.(currently amended) A method according to claim 15 ~~or 16~~, wherein said filling of said regions with a barrier material is performed simultaneously as the deposition of a continuous layer of a barrier material on said discontinuous layer.

17.(currently amended) An electronic device, or more particular electroluminescent device, having active layers and a barrier laminate (1) according to ~~any one of the claims 1 to 12~~claim 1 positioned over the active layers, the laminate having a discontinuous layer (4)which is, among the layers of the laminate containing planarisation material, the one closest to the active layers of said electroluminescent device.